



## **Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Selectmen**

Date: Monday, September 28, 2015 – Business Meeting  
Time: 6:00 p.m.  
Place: McCourt Social Hall, Memorial Town Hall, Spencer, MA  
Present: Chairman G. Woodbury, Vice Chair Stevens, Clerk C. Woodbury, Selectmen Fritze & Administrator Gaudette; Selectmen Pepe participated remotely.

At 6:00 p.m. Chairman Woodbury called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Action Item: Authorize Chairman Pepe to participate remotely in accordance with Regulation 940, CMR 29.10 of the Open Meeting Law.**

Chairman Woodbury announced that Selectmen Pepe will participate remotely in accordance with Regulation 940, CMR 29.10 of the Open Meeting Law.

### **Minutes**

*A motion to approve the Business Meeting of September 14, 2015 (Stevens/C. Woodbury) passed 5/0.*

### **Citizen Input**

Representative Berthiaume provided an update on the status of Route 31 South. He and Representative Durant sent a letter to the State DOT outlining the history of the road. He believes the Town will be at the top of the list due to amount of funding invested to date, in addition to the extremely poor condition of the road. Completing the prep work and base coat now places the Town in the best possible position

Chairman Woodbury said he appreciates all the efforts and thanked Mr. Berthiaume for the update.

### **Communications:**

None

### **New Business**

### **Action Item: Chapter 61A Right of Refusal for Lot #2 Wire Village Road**

Administrator Gaudette reported part of the process for removing property from MGL Chapter 61A, the Town has the option to pursue exercising their Right of First Refusal to purchase the property, in this case for a parcel on Wire Village Rd., identified as Lot # 2. Both the Planning Board and the Conservation Commission recommend not exercising the Right of Refusal.

*A motion to not exercise the Right of First Refusal for Lot #2, on Wire Village Rd. (C. Woodbury/Fritze) passed 5/0.*

### **Economic Development Discussion: John Golnik from MOBD**

Administrator Gaudette introduced Mr. Golnik, Regional Director for the Mass Office of Business Development (MOBD).

Mr. Golnik reported that he is the Director for the Central Mass Region of MOBD, which serves 65 cities and towns. MOBD is a resource available to assist municipalities in a variety of areas, including the administration of State Investment Tax Credits that can be used to offset taxes for certain projects. Mr. Golnik explained that his office assists people as they move through the process. He encouraged the Administrator and the Board to reach out to him for assistance at anytime.

### **Old Business**

#### **Policy Adoption: Complete Streets**

Mr. Gaudette noted that this is the third meeting to discuss the Complete Streets policy. The final policy contains the addition of a sidewalk plan with the hope of obtaining future funding. The Board reviewed the final policy, which once adopted will be sent to CMRPC to determine the process for funding.

*A motion to adopt the Complete Streets Policy as written (Pepe/C. Woodbury) passed 5/0.*

### **Town Administrator's Report**

#### **Fall Special Town Meeting Preparation**

Mr. Gaudette noted he is working with an estimated FY16 budget. Final numbers, including State Budget figures are typically not available until late July.

#### **Review Calendar**

Meeting calendar was reviewed.

#### **Review Draft Special Town Meeting Warrant**

The Draft Special Town Meeting Warrant was reviewed; it contains 14 Articles.

Mr. G. Woodbury would like discussion on Article 13 - "Amend Personal Bylaws" (Classification of staff), and on Article 14 - "Discontinue A Public Way", he wants to schedule a meeting to tour private roads on a Saturday morning.

"Article 4 - Authorization to Appropriate the Revised FY16 Operating Budget", Mr. Stevens asked how discussion can take place at Town Meeting for a specific area such as the Senior Center, when the article includes multiple line items. Mr. Gaudette said a handout will be provided to explain each item and discussion/changes may be made to specific items.

### **Board Liaison Reports**

None

## **Citizen Input**

None

## **Board Member & Staff Comments**

Mr. Stevens noted that after conversations with Treasure Valley Rangers regarding the gate at Browning Pond, a future meeting will be held with the Spencer Fish & Game and fishermen to clarify the purpose of the gate.

Mr. G Woodbury announced that the new Senior Center at Maple St. School officially opened today. He thanked the Highway Department, Mr. Fritze, Sheriff Evanglidis, and the Community Service Workers for their efforts in getting the Center up and running.

Mr. Fritze reported that two underground oil tanks have been removed, one at the Town Hall and the other at Maple St. School, both under budget. He is working on pricing for new boilers at Maple St. School/Senior Center and received two quotes, with one amount to half of the cost of the original quote.

Mr. Fritze noted there have been issues with vandalism at Lake St. School. The Police Department is monitoring closely.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Savoie  
Administrative Assistant

## **Referenced Materials**

Chapter 61A Right of Refusal for Lot #2, Wire Village Rd.  
Complete Streets Policy  
Review Draft Special Town Meeting Warrant & Calendar